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MILLIONAIRES INDULGE IN A FIST FIGHT

Only Two Blows Were Struck—Stuyvesant Fish Strikes President Harahan and Harahan Then Strikes the Floor.

Monthly Meeting of the Directors of the Illinois Central Railway Ends in a row—Men Who were Formerly Fast Friends in Business Meet in Battle—Fish Found a Cuckoo in His Nest the Lie Was Passed Before Hostilities Began.

New York, Aug. 29.—The regular monthly meeting of the Illinois Central directors broke up in a fist fight at noon yesterday. The fight was like the "terrible battle" of the old story. There were two blows struck. Stuyvesant Fish hit President James T. Harahan and Mr. Harahan hit the floor.

The impact of Mr. Fish's blow was not softened by the fact that for 20 years Mr. Harahan and he were close business associates. That was the period when Mr. Fish was president of the Illinois Central and Mr. Harahan, a subordinate, who got his position and successive promotions through Mr. Fish's influence and it has been alleged, against the wishes of E. H. Harriman. The old friendship ceased when, last November, Mr. Harahan lined up with Mr. Harriman in the campaign to oust Mr. Fish and was chosen president as the latter's successor. The blow was a long, right swing and undoubtedly had feeling as well as all the strength of a powerful man behind it.

Mr. Harahan was presiding over the meeting today. Nine of the directors were sitting languidly in upholstered chairs around the big mahogany table in the board room. Only routine business had been under discussion and there had not been a sign of the rancor which had pervaded most of the meetings of the past year. Mr. Harriman was in the West and there began to be a feeling that finally one meeting was to end without acrimonious discussion. Mr. Fish, who had interposed not the slightest objection to any of the proceedings and had been as agreeable as possible, and disturbed this serenity by rising and proceeding to read a resolution. The other directors began to sit up and take notice.

The exact text of the resolution could not be obtained today. Mr. Fish would not give it out nor would he make any comment on any of

the proceedings of the meeting. Most of the others present were also reticent. One of them, however, let it be known that the resolution was a sharp arraignment of the management of the road on the ground that it was dictated in the interests of the Harriman lines generally, and not in that of the Illinois Central particularly. In a portion of it the charge was made that the majority of the directors were tools of Mr. Harahan.

When Mr. Fish reached that portion of his preamble, one of the Harriman directors, all of whom were sitting under his remarks, suddenly made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Harahan put it instantly, declared it carried, and rose to leave the meeting, the other directors also getting on their feet. Mr. Fish was non-plussed in a moment, but presently spoke out vigorously.

"Gentlemen, you cannot adjourn in the middle of a matter of business," he said. "This is astonishing and surprising. I insist that it is contrary to all parliamentary procedure, more than that, an unheard of breach of courtesy to interpose a motion to adjourn in the middle of a director's remarks. I insist that this meeting is not adjourned and shall proceed with my resolution."

"The meeting has been declared adjourned and stands adjourned," retorted Mr. Harahan curtly, facing Mr. Fish across the table.

"The meeting is not adjourned," Mr. Fish came back with increasing warmth, "and I declare you cannot adjourn it unless you demonstrate what I have said, that you are Harriman tools and puppets."

"I'm not a Harriman tool," Mr. Harahan broke in threateningly, "nor the tool of any man. Anyone who says so lies."

Mr. Fish is a big man. He weighs upwards of 210, stands six feet and is of bristly build. But he has always kept himself in perfect condition, is

as hard as he is heavy, and as quick to a degree that belies his bulk. His weight accordingly did not impede his movements as he jumped across the table and swung at Mr. Harahan all in one movement.

Mr. Harahan had assumed a posture of defense and looked like no mean antagonist. Though not as heavy as Mr. Fish, he weighs around 190 pounds and has kept himself in good condition. It was a contest of heavyweights, with Mr. Fish having a bit the best of it in weight and reach, though of undoubted superiority in science.

The first and only blow was a long, right hand swing with all the weight of Mr. Fish's 210 pounds behind it and all the added strength which a feeling of insult and animosity impart. It broke through Mr. Harahan's guard as if his hands were tissue and landed, with but little diminished impact squarely on the point of the jaw. Mr. Fish followed it with a vicious straight left, but the left missed. Mr. Harahan was dropping and the failure of the left to land caused Mr. Fish to fall over upon his antagonist. He was up in an instant, but Mr. Harahan was not. Not exactly down and out, he was stunned at least and evinced no inclination to continue the contest.

None of the other directors interfered except by admonitions. The others present were Cornelius Vanderbilt, Robert Walton Goetz, Walther Lutgen, Charles A. Peabody, Charles M. Beach and James De Witt Cutler.

Only the two latter are Fish supporters. Mr. Goetz, it was said, left the room instantly and hurriedly. Mr. Vanderbilt, according to reports, attempted to quiet the fracas. All were in intense excitement, but none of them advanced to take part in the fracas, and Mr. Fish, having now recovered his composure, walked over, picked up his hat, nodded pleasantly to the others and left the room silently.

Mr. Harahan, after a while, left the Illinois Central offices and walked over to a lawyer's office. Men, who saw him say that his face was not marked, except a burning red spot on the right side of the jaw, indicating the point of contact with Mr. Fish's fist. His mission at the lawyer's office could not be learned, but if it was in connection with any legal proceedings, mediated against Mr. Fish, no papers or warrants of arrest were served today.

WOMAN ATTACKED BY LION IS DEAD

Pittsburg, Aug. 29.—Rigid investigation started by the police department and the coroner into the death of Mrs. Anna A. Pucke, aged 64, who was terribly injured by an escaped lion at Luna park yesterday resulted in the arrest of Clarence Chappelle, aged 19, who was committed to jail as a witness to "murder." Chappelle cleaned the cage the lion usually occupied.

Mrs. Pucke died yesterday. The cause of death is officially given as heart disease. Three women who were with her when the lion attacked her are under the care of physicians. The harrowing experience was too much for them.

MILLIONAIRE PACKER'S BODY LAID TO REST

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Funeral services for the late Nelson Morris, the millionaire Chicago packer who died at his home here Tuesday, were held at the home at 11 o'clock today for the members of the family and a public service was conducted at 1 o'clock today at Abraham Lincoln Center presided over by Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones. Arrangements have been made for interment in Rosdill cemetery.

Work was suspended at the Nelson Morris offices and the stock yards during the day. List of honorary pall bearers contains two hundred names including prominent business men of New York and eastern and western cities.

REPORT IS GRATIFYING

More Than a Million Tons of Earth Moved by Canal Workers Last Month.

Washington, Aug. 29.—There is great rejoicing in the offices of the canal commission here over the detailed report of the engineers, showing that considerably more than a million cubic yards of earth were excavated during July. The record of a million a month had been looked forward to by each of the successive chief engineers of this great world project as a desirable one to reach.

and it had been doubted whether it would ever be possible to dig that much in thirty days. The exact figures for July are 1,126,748.

In the past month there were installed on the work thirty-two ninety-five ton, twenty-eight seventy ton and three forty-five ton steam shovels. In addition, there are under erection and under contract to be delivered between now and December next ninety-five ton shovels and seventy-five ton shovels.

1915 is the date hoped for by the canal commission when it will be possible to send the first ship through the big ditch.

STRING OF PEARLS

Not Considered Sufficient Rayment for Women on Postcards.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Prompted by repeated violation of postal laws after frequent warnings, postoffice authorities in Chicago today began a systematic movement to check the sale of objectionable postcards, thousands of which flood the mails here every day.

"The men are instructed to look for evidence by which we can trace the manufacturers of these cards," said Inspector James E. Stuart today. "Most of them are made in Germany and France. If we can discover where we can prevent them being shipped in."

Bathing scenes in which women are clothed in less raiment than Lady Godiva possessed, are popular and art poses are frequently displayed in which a rope of pearls is the only garment worn by the model.

HINE WILL QUIT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Columbus, O., Aug. 29.—Charles P. Hine, second assistant attorney general, in the office of Attorney General Wade H. Ellis, will sever his connection with state office on September 1, to return to Cleveland, where he will practice law with Amos B. Thompson.

ROCHESTER IS VISITED BY DISASTROUS FIRE

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Fire in the Cox building today resulted in a total loss of \$161,000. The fire started in the basement from some unknown cause.

SUSPECT WILL BE RELEASED BY POLICE

Charles Price, Whom the Dispatch Says is From Marion, Cannot be Held for Murder—No One in this City Knows the Charles Price in Question and it is Believed to be a Mistake.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Police of Crown Point, Indiana, today declared they could find nothing tangible against Charles Price of Marion, Ohio who had been arrested during the search for the murderer of Ella Schrader, aged nine, at Gary; but a mob of farmers and steel workers who Wednesday threatened to lynch Price gathered again early today and prepared to hang the first man against whom proof could be obtained.

Price will likely be released. Other suspects are being trailed, however, and an indignation over the child's murder culminated in the organization at Gary of a permanent vigilance committee. Governor Han-

ly, of Indiana, telephoned Sheriff Carter answered that he thought he lynching and that he could send troops if the sheriff was unable to protect his prisoners without them. Carter answered that he thought he could handle the situation and assured the governor that there would be no lynching.

There are a number of persons in the city bearing the name of Charles Price, but a diligent search revealed the fact that every one is in the city at present. No one could be found who could throw any light upon the identity of the Charles Price mentioned in the dispatch. It is presumed that the man under arrest gave this city as his home.

SINN TEIN SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Great Irish Society Meets in Dublin and Discusses a Number of Questions Which are of Vital Importance to Ireland.

Dublin, Aug. 29.—Having for its avowed purpose the unwhoring of John Redmond as leader of the Irish movement and the establishment of an entirely new program to gain the great desire of Irishmen—home rule—the first convention of the National Council of the Sinn Fein, since the society has grown into national importance, began today. By many persons it is regarded as the most significant political gathering Ireland has witnessed in years.

Sinn Fein are under consideration. They are: First, withdrawing Irish representation from parliament. Second, establishing an Irish parliament in Dublin without British consent. Third, revival of Irish industries. Fourth, boycotting everything English.

Another purpose which will be discussed will be how to effect organizations and raise funds to put Sinn Fein candidates for parliament in the field against the Nationalists headed by Redmond.

CONVICTS ESCAPE

Two Long Term Men Make Their Get-away From Joliet.

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 29.—Making a rope by braiding linen bandages and a hook by bending the iron rungs of a prison chair, long term convicts Edward Quinn and Harry Harmon escaped from the state penitentiary at midnight. They had been detailed as nurses in the hospital and were regarded as semi-trustees.

Quinn was serving a twenty year term for blowing a safe in Knox county in 1903. Harmon committed a burglary in Cook county in 1901 and began his sentence in 1902.

The two men were seen at daylight in Bellwood park, three miles north of Joliet by George Barrows, who tried to intercept them. They rushed at him with drawn bread knife and upraised bar of steel and Barrows fled after firing one ineffective shot.

ANOTHER FEDERAL JUDGE AFTER THE RAILROADS

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Federal Judge Kohlsaat today granted a temporary restraining order to prevent fourteen railroads from adopting, and putting into effect September 1 a certain rate on creamery products to and from Middle West and Northwestern points.

TWELVE PERSONS HURT IN A TROLLEY WRECK

Olean, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Twelve passengers were slightly hurt and Motorman Charles Bossworth was perhaps fatally injured in the collision of two trolley cars on the Olean-Rock City and Bradford line today. The cars crashed together at a sharp curve and both were badly smashed.

TAFT IS IN DENVER

He Delivers an Address Following the Lines of Former Speeches.

Denver, Col., Aug. 29.—Secretary Taft arrived here at 10 a. m., today. After breakfast, Taft visited Fort Logan where an inspection of the post and garrison was made. The secretary promised to raise Fort Logan to a brigade post.

A public reception was tendered Taft at the Republican club-rooms here this afternoon and at 4:30 the guests of honor delivered an address following closely the lines of his previous speeches on his present trip.

PRINCE ARRESTED

He With His Party Were Exceeding the Speed Limit.

New York, Aug. 29.—Prince Wilhelm and his party were arrested by a bicycle policeman today while speeding along at a twenty mile an hour gait in a big automobile on Ocean Parkway near Fort Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, enroute from Coney Island.

The members of the committee who were with the prince protested against the arrest and informed the police of the identity of his prisoner. He, however, refused to believe them and was about to take the party to the station house when Second Deputy Commissioner Bergher came along and ordered his "highness" released.

WANT BURTON TO OPPOSE JOHNSON

Republican Politicians are Urging Him to Accept the Nomination for Mayor—They Believe it will Lead to the Overthrow of Senator Charles Dick

Cleveland, Aug. 29.—A determined effort is being made by Republicans to force Congressman Burton, present chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors, and chairman of the inland waterways commission, into the race for mayor against Tom L. Johnson this fall. Mr. Burton is very reluctant to enter the contest, but terrific pressure is being exerted by Republicans who see in Mr. Burton the only possibility of defeating the returned advocate of three-cent fares and single tax.

The presence of Mr. Burton on the ticket in opposition to Mayor Johnson would give the majority race in Cleveland this year a national interest. If defeated Burton would still be congressman. If elected, Burton's friends believe he could wrest away the senatorial seat now held down by Charles Dick, both being from northern Ohio.

Mr. Burton admits that he prefers congressional life to petty politics in the mayor's office, but has not so far returned a definite answer to the pleadings of local Republicans.

UNION HORSES

No Horse Wearing Non-Union Made Shoes Allowed in Parade.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 29.—The

union horse is the latest. He has just been brought into existence by the committee in charge of the Labor day celebration here. None but the union horse will be allowed in the parade. To be sure no four-footed "seab" gets into line. A committee has been appointed to examine the shoes of all horses to see that they bear the union mark. Any horse whose shoes are minus the union label will be sent back to the stable.

If a horse is even non-union on one foot he will be barred.

